

LORD HUGH CECIL IS IN LIMELIGHT

Whole Country Is Laughing at Unpleasant Predicament.

CONTROVERSY OVER WELSH BILL

He Denounces Church Measure as Sacrilege. When He Is Informed by Professor Pollard That Cecil Wealth Came Largely From Spoilation of Monasteries.

London, May 4.—Lord Hugh Cecil, who is not unused to the limelight, is in it in an unpleasant way this week. He denounced in the House of Commons the Welsh disestablishment bill as a sacrilege. Lord George Robert Gordon Byron, who is a member of the House of Commons, said that the charge came with ill grace from the son of a family which had profited by the spoliation of the church during the reign of Henry VIII. This provoked Lord Hugh Cecil, who denied the imputation applied to him.

Suddenly up pops Professor Pollard in a letter to the Times asking what Lord Hugh Cecil means. The professor gives a list of property of monasteries confiscated with their contents by King Henry VIII, and given to Lord Hugh Cecil's ancestors. He cites the Hatfield estate as a notable instance, and Lord Hugh Cecil comes down from his perch. He says he only meant that the receipt of property taken from the church three hundred years ago was no bar to a protest against modern spoliation, and the whole country laughs.

Frederick George Kellaway, Liberal, M. P. for Bedford, has given notice of the question in the House of Commons. Does Lord Hugh Cecil intend to compensate the church in Wales for its losses by the restitution of lands wrested from the church by his ancestors?

Wood Norton Sold. The sale of Wood Norton, the castle owned by the Duke of Orleans, to Judge Eady, has been the cause of great wonder. The supporters of the Duke of Orleans are speculating as to whether the duke sees the restoration of the French throne at hand. The estate in Worcestershire was acquired about 1810. The magnificent gates were brought from the Versailles Palace. There were 1,000 acres on the farm and residential property on the Avon. Notable events at the place were the marriage of Charles of Bourbon and Sicily to the Princess Louise of Orléans in 1867, and the use of it as an asylum for King Manuel of Portugal in 1870.

The Duke d'Aumale ran the place with delightful informality. The Duke of Orleans ran an iron ring fence around it and returned to the exclusiveness of the old regime, which Daudet satirized in his "Kings in Exile." The sale of the property is a blessing.

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ing to the public, as it blocked the application of the small rural holdings not. The duke owned all the land in the parish and refused to sell to the peasantry.

Coal Mined in Kent.

Coal for commercial uses has at last been mined in Kent. The first shipment of ten tons was sent from the Shakespeare mine, in Dover to London on Thursday. There are three headings at a depth of 1,275 feet in the pioneer Kentish field, where experiments have been going on for over twelve years. Many troubles have been overcome, and there are great hopes now of reinforcing the waning British supply. Many veins have been located, including one of six inches in diameter in a plot of 6,120 acres of workable land. It is known that \$2,000,000 tons can be worked, and more is hoped for. At the rate of 500 tons a day, it will take 332 years to exhaust the new vein.

The Dutch dinner in honor of the third birthday of Princess Juliana, of the Netherlands, on April 30, was presided over by Lord Reay, a Scotch peer, and Baron Mackay De Bylandt, who had sat in the Parliament of both nations and whose father was a minister of the late King of Holland. Lord Reay toasted George V. in English and Queen Wilhelmina in Dutch. He also toasted the health of the Dutch baby princess.

Helen Prece, daughter of Ambrose Prece, of Hollywood, London, sixteen years of age, has entered to ride in the thirty-four-mile equestrian race, the last of the three steepchases at the Olympia games in Stockholm. She comes of a family of riders. Her grandfather won the Two Thousand Guinea. Whole generations will follow her across the field in the chase of Stockholm. She is keen also to win the Pentathlon five events—that is, across country for two and a half miles, 1,000 metres, smooth ride, 200 metres swim, the fencing match and the revolver contest at the twenty-five-metre range. She has no fear of not winning out in the riding sections, and is working hard to get the swimming contest, the fencing and the swimming exhibition. The young woman took three prizes at the Olympia in London last year. She also won a prize in the Islington pony show. For

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The latter she was congratulated by Queen Alexandra.

Record as Reviewer. Rev. Alfred John Church, who has just died, had a record as a reviewer. He wrote seventy books and reviewed 49,000. He was for a long time on the staff of the Spectator. He discovered Louisa Alcott.

Terdy honors are heaping on Thomas Hardy. The academic committee of the council of the Royal Society on Literature now awards a gold medal to the aged novelist. The last recipient of this honor was George Meredith. The medal is to be struck and presented on Hardy's birthday on June 2.

Patrick MacGill, the navy poet, is out with a new volume of navy rhymes. They number only twenty-four, but the farm laborer navy author has been taken up by Canon Dalton, of Windsor, and has been employed to copy and translate tenth century script for King George's Library. He is now busy on this work.

Amelia Edith Barr, the novelist, who is now eighty-one years of age, announces the production of "Sheila Vindicta," a novel in three volumes, which will be published by H. K. Mulholland and "Jan Wols and Wins His Wife," a new story. Despite her age, the writer works from eight to nine hours a day. Mildred Lowther, daughter of the Speaker of the House of Commons, has been appointed scout master of the Pen-ruddeock Troop of Boy Scouts. She has raised the troop in uniforms and boots.

Winter Wreps Laid Off.

The outdoor season opened with the Newmarket races. The King motored to the race course. Rich colors marked the gowns of the women, and winter wreps were laid off. Lady Dukes of Newcastle and Lady Nureen Bass were in dark purple. Lady Clannell wore white and very dark blue. Lady Daimon was in pale pink. Lady Althea was in blue velvet. Mrs. Cecil Bingham was in dark blue.

The gorgeous season was indicated by Queen Mary, when she appeared at the opera in a blaze of jewels, breaking the recent tradition that diamonds were her favorites, and that she seldom wore colored stones which Queen Alexandra lends her.

The Earl and Countess of Granard, who was Miss Beatrice Mills, have returned to their home in Halkin Street, from Castle Forbes in Ireland. The earl is taking life seriously. He introduced this week in the House of Lords a bill to amend the bankruptcy system. Both the earl and his wife are ambitious for higher political and social honors.

London is gloating over the estimate of \$200,000 shipped this spring from the United States to Europe for the use of American visitors to London, and hopes to get a share of the money. Already there have been fair reservations at the hotels, but the season is likely to be short because of the presidential election in America.

There will be a very smart event on May 16 in the shape of a dinner and dance by Mrs. George Keppel, a friend of the late King Edward VII, for the purpose of bringing out her daughter, Violet, the eldest of her girls. Fifty bide have been invited to the dinner, and all society will be at the dance. The event will be held at the house on Grosvenor Street.

Last Thursday Cora, Countess of Stafford, made her first appearance for the season at the reception to Lady Esther Smith at her Grosvenor Place home.

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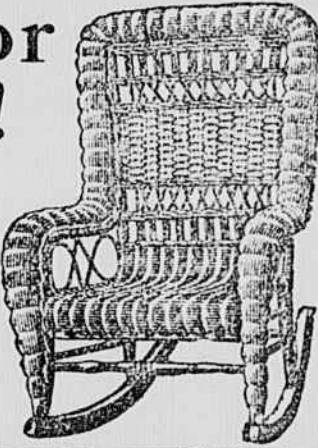
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Lieutenant of Ireland joined the party on the course.

Lord Strathcona, the Canadian High Commissioner, is recovering his health. He has returned from a three week's stay at Deben, in Essex, and is at 28 Grosvenor Square.

Secretary Phillips, of the American Embassy, has returned to his work after a vacation trip at home. He has been acting as steersman to John Hays Hammond, the chairman, and the members of the Panama Pacific Exposition Commission.

The Dowager Empress of Russia is with her sister, Queen Alexandra, at Sandringham Palace. Both came to London to-day and will attend the services at Windsor on Monday on the second anniversary of the death of King Edward VII. It is expected that after this observance Queen Alexandra will reduce her mourning, and it is rumored that she will resume her attendance at the opera. It is hoped that the royal sisters will go about much this season.

The Duchess of Buckingham is exhibiting a picture of "Christ Blessing Children" at the large galleries. All society was at a private view this week.

The appointment of W. H. D. Anderson, of Boston, Mass., as secretary of the mission to Lepers to India, is announced. He has cared for lepers in the Claire Asylum, at Chancery, for eight years. He is now twenty-seven years of age. He gave up his prospects to devote himself to this work. There are 500 patients for whom a physician, teacher and friend can do valuable work to stop the spread of leprosy.

A. L. Erlanger, the theatrical manager, and Pat Casey, the vaudeville agent, who is sick of here, as the original of "Casey at the Bat," will sail for home from Cherbourg on Sunday, on the steamer George Washington. Joseph Brooks will also be a passenger on the same ship, but will board her at Southampton later on. Mr. Brooks will return here in four weeks to organize the "Milestone" company, which is to sail for New York in September, and also to arrange for an American company, which is to appear here in "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm." Mr. Erlanger is eager to take the "Pink Lady" company back to New York at the end of July, though the show has been very successful here. He has made an offer to Mr. Frohman to continue the piece with an English company, or to give him the rights to "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm."

Mr. Erlanger is delighted with the French farce, "Bett Cafe," which he will produce as a musical comedy in New York in the autumn. The work will be by Ivan Turgenev and Melancon. It will be followed by "Gay Delphine," which Mr. Frohman will produce next season.

William Gillette is arranging a stock company for a season in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago. He may play London this summer.

Haddon Chambers has been to Ham-burg, where he received an ovation at the production of "The Passer-By."

which has now been a success in England, the United States, Australia and Germany. He will produce it in France soon.

WORK UNDER WAY ON 'BATTLE ABBEY'

Announcement was made last night by Lieutenant-Governor J. Taylor Elyson, president of the Confederate Memorial Association, that the cornerstone of the Confederate Memorial Institute—wrongly called the "Battle Abbey"—will be laid Monday, May 20, at 4:30 o'clock, with fitting ceremonial. The ritualistic ceremony attending the placing of the great granite block in its permanent resting place as the corner stone of the Confederate Memorial edifice will be conducted by Richmond Lodge No. 19, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, W. P. Shelton, Worshipful Master.

The principal address will be delivered by General Robert White, of West Virginia. As the program has not been entirely completed, it is impossible to announce the other speakers. Lieutenant-Governor Elyson, as president of the association, is in full charge of the arrangements.

After years of continued labor on the part of the Confederate Memorial Association, the veterans of the

Lost Cause are now about to witness the fulfillment of hopes which have been cherished so long. Built of Virginia granite at a cost of more than \$150,000, the Confederate Memorial Institute will be one of the most important buildings in the old capital of the Confederacy, and will be an almost eternal monument to the glories of 1861-65, and the men who fought so valiantly. The edifice is splendidly situated, facing on the Boulevard next to the Soldiers' Home.

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